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REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)  
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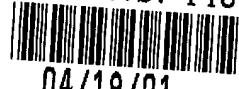
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This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:

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This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

- ☒ An abstract together with  
**20** pages of specification and claims including  
**18** numbered claims and also attached is/are  
**9** sheets of accompanying drawings.  
☒ This application is based on the following prior foreign application(s):

Application No.	Country	Filing Date
9910683.3	GREAT BRITAIN	7 May 1999
9910684.1	GREAT BRITAIN	7 May 1999
9910679.1	GREAT BRITAIN	7 May 1999
9910682.5	GREAT BRITAIN	7 May 1999
9910685.8	GREAT BRITAIN	7 May 1999
PCT/GB00/01532	WIPO	19 April 2000

respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby claimed therefrom.

- ☐ This application is based on the following prior provisional application(s):

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- ☐ Certified copy/ies of foreign applications attached.  
☐ This application is a ☐ continuation/☐ division/☐ continuation-in-part of application Serial No. , filed .  
☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This application is a ☐ continuation/☐ division/☐ continuation-in-part of application Serial No. , filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--  
☒ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This is a continuation of PCT application No. PCT/GB00/01532, filed 19 April 2000, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--  
☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. , filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--  
☒ Preliminary amendment to claims (attached hereto), to be entered before calculation of the fee.  
☒ Also attached: ☒ **Information Disclosure Statement** ; ☐ **Non-Publication Request**; ☐ **Other**:

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☐ See attached sheet(s) for additional inventor(s) information!!

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